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City budget has a tax decrease

By Taylor Messick

On Aug. 17, the Bel Aire City Council approved the 2022 city budget for publication with a 4-0 vote. A public hearing on the budget and the intention to exceed the revenue neutral rate will be held on Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

Bel Aire's mill levy rate will

decrease from 45.73 to 44.50 in 2022. The rate was 45.774 in 2020 but has otherwise been about 45.73 since 2014.

Finance director Ted Henry said that Sedgwick County expects Bel Aire's assessed value to grow 8 percent in 2022. Land sales continue to be successful and these valuation numbers are

good news for Bel Aire.

The general fund shows a little under \$7 million in revenues and a little over \$7 million in expenditures in 2022. About 75 percent of revenues comes from taxes and two-thirds of those are from property taxes. The remaining 25 percent of revenues comes from franchise fees, permits, licenses,

finances, recreation fees, grants and other sources.

About 90 percent of the city's expenditures will be for what Henry referred to as "core governmental functions." About 35 percent (\$2.5 million) will go toward land debt and general debt payments. About 22 percent (\$1.5 million) will go to police

and court. About 11 percent (\$800,000) will go to pay-as-you-go street improvements. Roughly 20 percent will go to general government expenses for planning and zoning, human resources, finance, city council, city staff, facilities, liability insurance, utilities

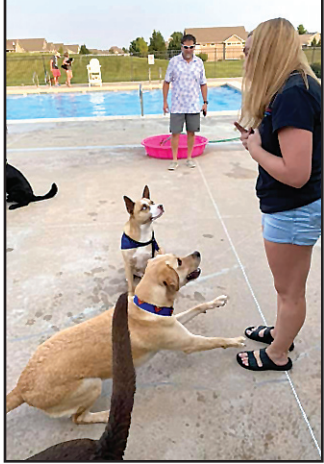
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Dogs' day

The Central Park Swimming Pool in Bel Aire closed to residents on Aug. 8, but stayed open for some "hot dawgs" one more day. Smaller dogs got to take a turn in the water first and larger dogs came to the later session at the Hot Dawgs Pool Party on Aug. 9. Prizes were given for the biggest splash, best dressed, cutest couple and best trick. The event was sponsored by Heartland Animal Hospital, The Hairy Sofa Pet Grooming Boutique, Century Manufacturing Inc. and the Bel Aire Recreation Center.

Courtesy photos



Rescue money benefits area cities

By Taylor Messick

Local cities are receiving funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to help boost economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA is part of a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the federal government.

Kansas will receive about \$1.568 billion, counties in the state will receive \$565 million and cities in the state will receive \$424 million. The funds were allocated on factors such as population and unemployment.

Cities can use funds to respond to COVID-19 public health emergencies or negative economic impacts. This includes providing aid to businesses in the tourism, travel and hospitality industries. Cities can provide premium pay for public employees that are performing essential work. Cities can supplement revenue shortfalls for governmental services that were reduced or eliminated due to COVID-19. And finally, cities can make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

Local cities started receiving the first 50 percent of their allocated funds through the ARPA in July. The second half will be given out in 2022. They will have until Dec. 31, 2024, to decide how the money is spent.

Bel Aire Mayor Jim Benage said on July 6 that the city would receive a total of \$1.2 million from the ARPA. Finance adviser Ted Henry said Bel Aire will save \$250,000 in its water fund and \$300,000 in its sewer fund in 2022 by using ARPA money for projects. Benage also talked about the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), which is an ARPA program that is focused on the transit industry. He said the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization received \$8.8 million in funds for local road projects. The Woodlawn reconstruction project is not eligible because it is already being funded by federal dollars. However, Benage said a couple of other road projects in the city are eligible for the CRRSAA. The city will apply for money to fix the intersection of 45th

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K-254 committee resumes activity

By Taylor Messick

The K-254 Corridor Development Association resumed meeting during the summer and recently reported some progress. Former Bel Aire council member Jeff Hawes helped start the committee and was chosen as the group's first president.

The committee is composed of municipalities and businesses along the highway that share a common interest in increased safety and economic development. In the last 10 years, there have been more than 600 injuries and 20 deaths along a 25-mile stretch of K-254.

Wilson & Company recently

completed a study of the corridor in which it examined the features of the road and prepared a report for the Kansas Department of Transportation. The study helped create short-term goals for improving the road but will also be the basis for a longer-term master plan that will be administered


through KDOT.

Some intersections of the corridor will see improvements as early as next year. In December, there will be a bid letting for projects to add right-turn lanes at the K-254 intersections of Rock Road and Adams (in Towanda).

City Manager Ty Lasher

said that on Sept. 9, KDOT will hold a meeting at Wichita State University from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is to listen to input from local municipalities and citizens to determine which potential transportation improvement projects have the most support. Several

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Mayor's corner

By Jim Benage

On Aug. 17, the city council approved putting three initiatives on the November ballot. A suggestion has been discussed several times over the years that we move the mayor term from a two-year term to a four-year term. This makes sense in that council members serve four-year terms. Why not the Mayor? The ballot initiative is to give you, the voters, the opportunity to make this decision.

This will not affect the current campaigns for this year. The mayor election this year is for a two-year term. If you approve the change, it will take effect for the next election cycle in 2023.

Please note that I, as your current mayor, am somewhat neutral on this issue. I think it will make the election cycles in Bel Aire more consistent. But there is also the advantage of two-year terms forcing the mayor to be more in touch with the voters. I am fine with this either way that you decide.

The other two ballot initiatives are for term limits for mayor and for city council members. Bel Aire has not had a problem with career politicians. But we all have seen career politicians who remain in office long after they are effective. The problem with politicians of this type is that they will not initiate term limits. It takes people, of whom there is no real concern, to take such initiative. The current council decided to allow the voters to make this decision as well. Personally, I believe all elected offices should have terms limits.

On land sales, we continue to make progress. Next Level Hoops has a new owner who also has bought additional land in the Sunflower Commerce Park. They are already beginning a development along Webb Road with two spec buildings.

As a result of our refinancing the land debt, we have also moved all land that is for sale to the Land Bank. So, the Public Building Commission (PBC) no longer holds land that is for sale. Due to bond covenants, the PBC must hold a few acres of land. These changes make for better governance.

Last year we re-organized the Land Bank to mirror the city council in voting authority. When you vote for city council and mayor, you expect them to make decisions, as the governing body, concerning all city policy matters. In Bel Aire, land ownership is a big policy matter. So, with these changes, land sales are issues for which the governing body is directly responsible. The governing body now has equal weight on the land sales as they do with all matters that come before the city council.

Kansas now has over 51 percent of our population vaccinated with at least one dose against COVID. As we all know, there has been uptick in infections. Please continue to be safe. Wash hands often. Practice six-foot distance and wear a mask if you've not been vaccinated. Let's continue to support each other.

It is an honor to serve as your mayor.

HIGHLIGHTS

Seller taken on Facebook

Facebook strikes again. On July 26, a Bel Aire resident called Bel Aire police to report a theft that occurred in late June.

The man said that while selling a 15-inch subwoofer box on Facebook Marketplace, he and another man decided on a price and a porch pick-up transaction. When time for the pick-up occurred, only \$5 was left behind and the subwoofer box taken.

— The Breeze staff

Hostile work environment

It appears to be a hostile work environment.

A woman in the 6500 block of East 45th North reported to Bel Aire police that her vehicle was vandalized while parked in the parking lot where she works on July 28. She said someone sprayed her car with white spray paint. She told police she did not report the incident immediately to her supervisor and she cleaned the paint off of her car.

The woman also reported she feels two co-workers have been stalking her because they take breaks at the same time she does. The woman said she has reported other suspicious incidents to the Wichita Police Department. In one report, she said someone broke into her home in Wichita and spray painted her walls. The Wichita Police Department reports indicate the woman has also seen white paint on the ground near her home and in parking lots and she finds this suspicious. Wichita officers did not find any evidence of forced entry or other normal signs of a burglary at the woman's home in Wichita during their investigation.

— The Breeze staff

Couple gets dressed, leaves

The couple didn't want to be bothered, but the threat of police intervention convinced them to leave.

On July 29, a worker at Bel Aire Recovery Center reported that two people were seen in a white early 1990s Econoline 350 van in the 4900 block of North Tierra Lakes Parkway.

The reporting party contacted the people in the van because he thought that they were acting suspiciously by being close to the recovery center. The reporting party discovered the couple was engaged in an intimate moment. The reporting party told the couple they needed to leave the area but they refused to do so. He then told them he was calling the police, so they decided to get dressed and leave the area.

— The Breeze staff

Owner leaves deceased dog

A dog owner who suspected a former roommate poisoned his pet was advised to remove the dead dog from his home.

On Aug. 5, a man contacted the Bel Aire Police Department to report his dog had died the day before. The man thought the dog was poisoned by an individual who had previously stayed at his home, but he wasn't sure. He left the deceased dog on his floor for a day so as not to upset his other dog.



National Night Out

RIGHT: Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry greets residents at the National Night Out event Aug. 14 at City Hall. The Benton Police Department K-9 also performed for the crowd. LEFT: On Aug. 16, Officer Virginia Crice delivered pajamas and homemade blankets and pillow cases that were donated during National Night Out to the Wichita Children's Home. Donations were stuffed into a patrol car by attendees at the event in an attempt to fill the car with as many donations as possible. Lorie Edwards and Anita Stutzer made the blankets and pillow cases.

Police strongly suggested that the dog be removed because it had started to decay.

— The Breeze staff

Closed store angers man

A hungry customer caused a scene at Subway in Bel Aire Aug. 13.

Police were called to the restaurant in the 6200 block of East 37th North around 11 p.m. An employee said a customer became irate after learning that the restaurant was closed and no sub sandwich was in his near future.

The bad-tempered customer pounded on the window and angrily demanded the employee open the restaurant. The employee locked herself in the bathroom and called 911. The customer-turned-suspect was gone before police arrived.

— The Breeze staff

Twin uses sister's ID

An identical twin attempted to use her sister's identification to avoid a warrant arrest in Valley Center Aug. 7.

A Valley Center police officer saw a suspiciously parked vehicle in the HomeTown Plaza shopping center at 221 S. Meridian. The officer did a routine check for warrants on the registered owner. The officer found the owner inside the laundromat. The owner denied being the person the officer identified and used her twin sister's identification card, instead.

Police called Maize police to the scene to use its MorphID system to verify the woman's identity.

The MorphID is a machine that identifies people through their fingerprints, if they have been previously arrested and have their prints on file.

Valley Center Chief Lloyd Newman said the machine is handy at identifying people who try to give false information.

Serena Petersen, 37, was arrested on a warrant

through Butler County. She also was booked into jail on identity theft and felony interference with law enforcement.

— The Breeze staff

No charges in disturbance

A disturbance at 81 Speedway late Aug. 7 was resolved quickly, and there were no arrests.

Valley Center and Park City police responded to the disturbance at the race track. Police said it involved 25 people.

When police arrived, no one was fighting, and the venue was cleared out.

Park City police said the victim refused to press charges.

— The Breeze staff

Bel Aire tests sidewalk policy

Bel Aire is offering residents a chance to have their sidewalk repairs covered after approving a new reimbursement policy. Applications are due by October and the work must be completed by the end of the year.

City council voted 3-2 in favor of allocating \$10,000 for a sidewalk replacement reimbursement policy in June. Staff wants to test this policy for the remainder of the year and revisit it next year. Sidewalk replacement became a hot topic in 2019 when residents received letters stating that sidewalk repairs needed to be made on their properties.

State law assigns sidewalk repair costs as the responsibility of the property owner, but several Bel Aire residents weren't aware until they received letters stating that they had one month to make repairs. Council member Jeff Elshoff did not support the new replacement policy and stated that he believes the city should follow the state law. He said that he doesn't believe the reimbursement opportunity is fair to those

who don't have or use sidewalks. Elshoff also said he believes the city should be allocating as much money as possible to streets.

Other members of the governing body said they saw this as a way to keep the city looking nice while offering some relief to residents. Council member Joel Schroeder pointed out that the city will be able to get a better price by hiring a contractor to come to Bel Aire for multiple jobs than residents could get for their individual properties. Applications for the program will be taken until the allocated money is spent.

— Taylor Messick

Local students graduate

Wichita State University announced its spring 2021 graduates. Local graduates are listed below:

Bel Aire — Thomas Johnson, master of business admin., executive MBA; Alex T Lasher, master of business admin., business administration; Kirsten L Manson, doctor of physical therapy, physical therapy; Drew D Sallee, master of business admin., executive MBA; Tiffany L Sallee, master of education, special education - high incidence; Nathan T Spriggs, master of arts, applied economics; Jonathan V Thao, B.A. in athletic training, athletic training, magna cum laude.

Park City — Zahra I Alhassan, bachelor of business admin., general business, cum laude; Hollie L Barr, bachelor of science in nursing, nursing-RN-to-BSN, magna cum laude; Samuel B Grove, master of business admin., executive MBA; Tasha L Parker, master of arts, psychology.

— The Breeze staff

Local students honored

Wichita State University has announced the names of more than 3,500 students who were on the WSU dean's honor roll for spring 2021.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students listed by hometown and name are as follows:

Bel Aire — John E Bryant, Tri M Dang, Jeremy R Davolt, Holly M Detrick, Derek A DeWerff, Grace A Harmon, Tyler N Heizelman, Lauren E Howell, Slate L Jordan, Nathan C Kampe, Kaden J Kisner, Youngjae Lee, Philip T Lindholm, Lindsay R Manwell, Lal Piang Muana, Lina N Nguyen, Tanatsa P Ngwenya, Natalie L Raine.

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Locals make Boys State

Two local boys made the list for this year's American Legion Boys State of Kansas delegates, held Aug. 1-7 at Kansas State University in Manhattan:

Bel Aire — Faizal Valiandi, Wichita Collegiate School, Department of Economy Official;

Valley Center — Robby Clausel, Valley Center High School, City of Klassen Councilman.

Boys State is a "learning by doing" political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels.

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Term durations and limits will go to public vote

By Taylor Messick

On Aug. 17, the Bel Aire City Council voted 4-0 in favor of adding three questions to the Nov. 2 general election ballot. The questions are related to mayor term limits and durations and city council term limits.

Voters will decide whether the mayor will

serve a two-year term or a four-year term. Under the city’s current procedure, the mayor serves a two-year term. In the November election, the winning mayor will serve a two-year term regardless of whether voters choose a two-year or four-year term. If the voters choose a four-year term, the mayor elected in 2023 will serve

until 2027.

The other two questions are related to term limits. Candidates can currently serve as many consecutive terms as the voters wish. Voters will be asked whether the mayor and city council members should be able to serve more than two consecutive terms. If the voters choose to institute term limits for either

or both of these positions, future candidates will only be allowed to serve two terms in a row. After that, a four-year break from serving an elected term will be required. This policy would also start in 2023.

Mayor Jim Benage posed these questions at a council workshop after talking to some residents about them. He said he was

neutral on the issues but thought residents should have a chance to give their input.

Council member John Welch said he thought this was an unnecessary move but supported giving voters a chance to weigh in.

Council member Joel Schroeder said he doesn’t think the “voters need to be saved from themselves”

but said he would also support letting voters choose.

Council member Justin Smith said he believes term limits are generally a good idea and thought it was wise to let the voters decide. Smith said he received feedback for and against these moves, which made him feel comfortable taking the questions to a public vote.

Woodlawn project nearing construction

By Taylor Messick

Actual road construction on Woodlawn in Bel Aire is expected to begin in October or November.

The city council received an update on the project from Garver LLC on Aug. 17.

During August, portions of Woodlawn were closed at the intersections of Odessa, Perryton and Danbury. This restricted access to Woodlawn Court and the fire department used alternate routes to get to and from the station. Dondlinger was met

with unfavorable soil conditions and was forced to dig up utilities rather than drilling underneath the road. The road would have collapsed if the contractor had drilled underneath Woodlawn because of the unfavorable soil. Garver is hopeful that

this portion of the work will be completed in early September.

“Whenever we do a full closure, it’s the last resort,” said Dakota Zimmerman of Garver. “No one wants to do that. ... We do apologize that this is happening but, at the

same time, I think this is the best for the project. The project is moving forward because we did this. ... As soon as we get to a point that we can open this road back up, we’re going to get there as quickly and as safely as we can and get traf-

fic flowing back through there.”

The Kansas Department of Transportation is scheduled to take bids for the road construction on Sept. 22. KDOT has dictated that the project duration will be 320 working days and 40 cleanup days.

K-254

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of these meeting will be held throughout the state.

Lasher said the K-254 Corridor Development Association and the City of Bel Aire will be at the meeting to support K-254 corridor improvements. One of the things KDOT is proposing is an interchange at K-254 and Webb. This was an option in Wilson’s safety study, which also looked the possibility of building overpasses at Rock and Greenwich with some connecting frontage roads. Lasher said the city and

corridor association will voice support for all three of those additions to be included as one project. This could have an impact on local development and safety, and Lasher is asking anyone who is able to attend the meeting and voice support.

“It’s important that citizens who have an interest in traffic safety be there,” said Lasher. “The study showed that those were the top three most dangerous intersections because of all the traffic. KDOT has said they feel those three projects would have a good possibility of getting funded. ... It’s important for any citizen

who has an interest in that to go and talk about the safety concerns they have

so KDOT can hear them. It will help us to get these types of improvements.”

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Budget

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and more. The remaining 10 percent of expenditures goes to parks and recreation, public grounds, the senior center and community development.

The city will maintain 30 percent of revenues in reserves for unexpected costs.

Henry said one of the main goals in this year’s budget was to find ways to increase funding for street improvements. In addition to the nearly \$800,000 in pay-as-you-go street improvements budgeted for 2022, the city is also looking at taking on \$230,000 in new debt service to address 53rd Street North. If it doesn’t pan out, that money will be used for additional pay-as-you-go improvements.

In other business, the council:

- Learned that the city received the Government Finance Officer’s Association’s Distinguished Budget Award again this year. Only 1,700 cities in North America and 12 in Kansas received the award, which signifies a transparent, informative and easy-to-understand budget presentation. City Manager Ty Lasher said the city has received the award between eight and 10 times.
- Approved resolutions advising the issuance of taxable industrial revenue bonds for a sports facility and two office warehouses in Sunflower Commerce Park with 3-0-1 votes.
- Approved a bid for paving improvements in Rock Spring 3rd Phase 2 from Kansas Paving in the amount of \$550,753.40 with a 3-1 vote.
- Approved the inclusion of three ballot questions related to mayor term durations and limits and city council term limits on the Nov. 2 election ballot with 4-0 votes.

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North and Oliver.

On July 16, Park City staff announced the city would receive \$1,177,850.09 from the ARPA. City Administrator Sean Fox said it is still being determined how the funds will be used.

In June, Valley Center staff announced that the city would receive \$1.1 million from the ARPA.

On July 2, Kechi staff announced the city would receive \$303,171.74 from the ARPA. City Administrator Kamme Sroufe said it’s possible the money could be used for needed improvements to the city’s sewer system. She also said staff and the governing body will consider using the money to expand broadband service to some residents who are currently underserved.

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Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of books to check out with neither cost nor time restraints and computers are available for study or research. Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

Locations

Senior Center / 7651 E. Central Park Ave. / 744-2451
Recreation Center / 5251 E. 48th North / 744-2700

Weekly Events

- Pickleball** — Monday & Friday 9 a.m.-11 a.m. & Fridays 5-7 p.m., Rec Center \$2 per person or Rec membership
Bel Aire Walkers — Monday through Friday, 8-9 a.m., Rec Center (Indoors)
Yoga — Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Rec Center
1X R-\$20 NR-\$35 & 2X R-\$30 NR-\$45
R= Resident NR= Non-Resident
Yoga mats are to be provided by the participant
Bridge — Tuesdays 1 p.m. – Senior Center **RSVP Required**
Open Sewing — Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – Rec Center
Sew ‘N’ So More — Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 12 p.m. - Rec Center
Line Dance — Mondays & Fridays, 1 p.m. – Bel Aire City Hall Community Room
Zoom Line Dance — Fridays, 1 p.m. - Contact Sarah at 316-744-2700 or schristenson@belaireks.gov for more information.
Folk Dance — Thursdays, 2 p.m. Bel Aire Rec Center \$2 per class

Monthly & Special Events

- Sept. 1**, 10 a.m. Library Work Day, Senior Center
Sept. 2, 9 a.m. Dynamic Living Class 8, Rec Center
Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m. Remember When?, Senior Center
Sept. 6, Labor Day Senior Center Closed
Sept. 7, 9 a.m. Dynamic Living Class 9, Rec Center
Sept. 8, 10 a.m. Jewelry Making Class, Rec Center **RSVP**
Sept. 9, 9 a.m. Dynamic Living Class 10, Rec Center
Sept. 10, 2:30 p.m. Zoom Scavenger Hunt
Contact Sarah by e-mail: schristenson@belaireks.gov to receive Zoom link.
Sept. 13, 2:30 p.m. Wii Bowling, Senior Center
Sept. 14, 9 a.m. Dynamic Living Class 11, Rec Center
Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m. Mexican Train Dominos, Senior Center
Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m. Book Club Meeting, Senior Center
Sept. 16, 9 a.m. Dynamic Living Class 12, Rec Center
Sept. 17, 2:15 p.m. Snack & Chat, Senior Center
Sept. 21, 10 a.m. Crafting Macramé Plant Hangers (Oxford Villa), Senior Center **RSVP**
To RSVP contact Sarah at 316-744-2700 ext. 304 or schristenson@belaireks.gov
Sept. 22, 1 p.m. Pictionary, Senior Center
Sept. 23, 2 p.m. Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society Presentation, Senior Center **RSVP**
To RSVP contact Sarah at 316-744-2700 ext. 304 or schristenson@belaireks.gov
Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. Zoom Trivia
Contact Sarah by e-mail: schristenson@belaireks.gov to receive the Zoom link.
Sept. 28, 10 a.m. Smoothie Tuesday, Rec Center **RSVP**
Sept. 29, 2 p.m. Putting Challenge (indoor), Rec Center 2pm
Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Puzzle & Chat (open puzzle time), Rec Center

Community Events

- Sept 1** — Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Bel Aire City Hall, Noon (RSVP to belaire.chamber@gmail.com)
Sept. 6 — City Offices Closed in observance of Labor Day
Sept. 7 — City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
Sept. 8 — Bel Aire Lions Club Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 8 — UAC Meeting, 3 p.m., City Hall
Sept. 14 — City Council Workshop, 6:30 p.m., City Hall
Sept. 16 — Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
Sept. 21 — City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
Sept. 22 — Bel Aire Lions Club Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
More information can be found at www.belaireks.gov.

DID YOU KNOW?

"Only Rain Down the Drain" is a practice that Bel Aire residents should follow on behalf of our downstream neighbors who share the water of the Arkansas River, whose headwaters are from Leadville, Colorado. Bel Aire's storm water discharge eventually flows into the Arkansas River which continues its flow through Kansas into Oklahoma and then Arkansas before finally discharging into the Mississippi River at Napoleon, Arkansas.

Many cities along the Arkansas River use its raw water to process for human consumption and for food crop production. The river is also habitat of, and water source for, wildlife. So, it is important that we all do our part to prevent debris, construction waste, litter, pet waste, grass clippings, tree leaves, detergent washings, street sweepings, and anything other than "rain down the drain" from Bel Aire streets and storm water collection systems.

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Bel Aire Recreation

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Coed Outdoor Soccer & Coed Flag Football

The registration deadline has passed but limited openings may remain. Please contact the rec center.

Girls on the Run

Attention parents! GOTR is coming to Bel Aire Rec this Fall! The 10-week program is open to 3rd-6th graders! Girls will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. **Starting Sept. 13.**

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Grab your poles, tackle box & family for this FREE event on Sept. 18, 9-11 a.m.! BAPD will be at the event with worms and any assistance needed. Pre-registration required. Spots are limited to those age 15 and under. Sponsored by: Bel Aire Police Department, Bel Aire Recreation Center, Fishing's Future & Cabela's.

Happy Feet Soccer

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Grow & Achieve in this outdoor Golf Class Sept. 7!

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Looking for something to do with your kids to celebrate the Fall Season!? Sign up for our Craft and Go series. Come and pick up your kit filled with 2 crafts and instructions. **\$8 per Kit. Registration deadline Oct. 25.**

Taekwondo (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet on Tuesday & Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

Athletic Development Series (For athletes grades 6th-12th)

- 1. Dynamic Warm-Up Clinic**
(Thursday, Sept. 9 @ 6:30 p.m. OR Saturday, Sept. 11 @ 10 a.m.)
Dynamic stretching activates muscles you will use during your game or workout and improves range of motion and body awareness, helping you increase

overall athletic performance.

- 2. Speed and Agility** (Thursday, Sept. 16 @ 6:30 p.m. OR Saturday, Sept. 18 @ 10 a.m.)
Developing skills to accelerate, decelerate, and change directions efficiently is a game changer!

- 3. Improving Vertical Leap** (Thursday, Sept. 23 @ 6:30 p.m. OR Saturday, Sept. 25 @ 10 a.m.)
Strategies for improving vertical leap and learning proper landing mechanics to reduce injury risk.

Each clinic is \$15. Or enroll in all 3 clinics for \$30 (a \$15 savings). Each clinic is 1.5 hours and parents are invited to observe from the bleachers. Clinic is interactive, please wear proper athletic attire and bring water!

Chris Quint, has is B.S. in Human Health and Performance and is certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association and by the American Counsel on Exercise. He has 15-years experience in the Strength and Conditioning field!

Contact Chris (cqintegratedwellness@icloud.com or 620-640-2104) to register by Sept. 6.

Adult Pickleball

Held Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. & Fridays 5-7 pm in the Rec Center Gymnasium! Just \$2 drop in fee or membership!

Yoga

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Teens & adults can join at any time!

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

June 23 — A man in the 4800 block of North Farmstead Court called to report his black rocking chair had been stolen from his front porch over the week-end. The man said his wife read in the newspaper how someone had been arrested in his neighborhood for stealing items off of people's porches and thought it might be associated.

June 24 — Chief Atteberry reported citing a man for speeding, driving with a suspended license and driving without liability insurance in the 5700 block of East 37th North. During the car stop, the man got creative and accessed his insurance app on his phone and renewed his vehicle liability insurance while the citation was being written. He was still cited for driving without liability insurance. The man has a long history of traffic offenses, police said.

June 25 — A man in the 5200 block of North Toler called the Bel Aire Police Department to report his wife and an unknown female got into an argument at Hoops during the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA). The man reported the unknown female pushed his wife and then she placed his wife into a choke hold. The victim had no marks or bruises from the incident. The man contacted NWBA about the incident and was told they would not be investigating. The man said he wanted to contact law enforcement and make a report. The suspect is from New York.

June 25 — Officer Gordon stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4800 block of North Oliver. The driver didn't have her driver's license in possession and did not have proof of liability insurance for the vehicle. The woman was issued citations for the violations.

June 26 — Officer Langford stopped on a blue Dodge Durango for a stop violation. The driver was found to be operating in violation of a restriction on his license. The driver was cited.

June 27 — Officer Langford attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a stolen Ford F-350 in the 6300 block of East 37th North. It was stolen out of Sumner County. A vehicle pursuit ensued. The vehicle was spiked and came to a stop. The driver fled from the truck and was apprehended a short time later. Steven Michael Holmes of Augusta was arrested on charges of felony fleeing and eluding, felony possession of stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 27 — A woman in the 4200 block of North Rushwood reported that her foster child became angry and left the residence. Before leaving, her foster child broke the glass storm door, driveway light fixtures and a planter. Damage was estimated at \$540. The woman did not want to prosecute.

June 27 — A man in the 4800 block of North Harding reported that during the night an unknown person entered his unlocked red 1996 Dodge 1500 pickup, which was parked in his driveway, and took keys.

June 28 — A man in the 6600 block of East 45th North reported the theft of his 1997 Ford F-150.

June 29 — A foreman for Mies Construction reported that a work trailer was burglarized in the 5200 block of North Toben. A lock was cut off of the trailer and a gas-powered quick saw, line gun instrument, level instrument and tripod, a total value of \$2,000, were stolen.

June 29 — Officer Langford received a firework complaint from the 5500 block of North Lycee. Langford saw a black GMC Terrain in the Northeast Magnet high school parking lot. He contacted the occupants, and one of the people in the vehicle was found to be in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The man was issued a uniform criminal complaint.

June 29 — Officer Langford was dispatched to the QuikTrip at 37th and Rock Road on a domestic violence report. A woman said her boyfriend yanked her out of his truck, pushed her to the ground and twisted her arm, causing minor injuries. The events occurred in the 6000 block of East Perryton in Bel Aire. There was no contact with the suspect.

June 30 — While on patrol in the 8800 block of East 53rd North, officers discovered a large couch, recliner, two end tables and about 30 DVD movies partially in the road. The items were moved to the ditch and Bel Aire Public Works was notified to remove the items.

June 30 — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 6500 block of East 45th North. The driver had a bench warrant through Sedgwick County for driving without headlights when needed and for driving with a suspended driver's license. Elijah Hausaun Grant of Wichita was issued a warning citation for speeding and transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility, where he was booked on the warrant.

June 30 — A black 2013 Honda Accord was stopped for safety defects in the 5100 block of North Woodlawn. The vehicle had a defective muffler, defective brake lamp and an unreadable tag. The driver was cited for the traffic charges and arrested on warrants. The suspect's name was not available.

June 30 — Officers were dispatched to Kechi for a sexual assault in progress. Two juveniles were involved. Officers were informed the suspect was a 17 years old and the victim was 12 years old. The Exploited and Missing Child Unit was contacted and it was decided EMCU would work the case.

Police department to host fishing clinic

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire Police Department has come up with another way to serve its community and connect with local youth. The department will host the first annual Bel Aire Police Department Fishing Clinic on Sept. 18 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The event is free and is reserved for fishermen age 15 and younger. It will be held at the Central Park fishing ponds near the city pool. Poles, hooks and worms will be provided for those who need them.

The clinic is being sponsored this year by the police department, the Bel Aire Recreation Center, Fishing's Future and Cabela's. Attendees will meet at the city pool at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Officer Brandon Gibson or Lt. Robey Foxx at 744-6000. To sign up for the program, register online at <https://www.belaireks.gov/220/Recreation> or visit the Bel Aire Recreation Center in person.

June 30 — Officers were dispatched to a disturbance at the Bel Aire Recovery Center in the 4900 block of North Tierra Lakes Parkway. A man was reported as getting into a disturbance with other clients and staff. After speaking with the man, it was apparent he was having an acute mental episode. He was asked if he wanted to speak with someone at the hospital and he said yes. An officer transported the man to St. Joseph hospital.

June 30 — Sgt. Davis saw a grey Chevrolet Malibu going east in the 6300 block of 37th without any lights on at 11:31 p.m. The vehicle turned south on to Woodlawn and failed to stop at the red light at the intersection. After making the stop, Davis discovered the driver was operating his vehicle with a suspended license. The man was cited for failing to use his headlights when required, running a red light and driving with a suspended license.

July 1 — Officers responded to Sunrise Christian Academy in the 5500 block of East 45th regarding teenagers being seen around the property after midnight. A school representative was found speaking with three juveniles, who he found climbing on the roof of the building. All juveniles were educated about their actions and the man and the juveniles were accompanied to their residences.

July 1 — Bel Aire officers received a call of a plane crash northwest of 53rd and Greenwich. A downed plane was located in a wheat field west of Greenwich about one-half mile south of K-254. Officers arrived at the site of crash with fire units who cleared the area of any hazards from the plane and checked on the pilot, who appeared physically unharmed. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office worked the crash. It happened about 7:15 p.m.

July 2 — A woman in a 2010 black Audi S-4 stole some fireworks from inside Sunrise Christian Academy's fireworks stand in the 5500 block of East 45th. The woman was described as having long fake eyelashes and long fake nails painted red, white and blue. The woman was also reported to have a bad disposition. The woman was later contacted by officers and served with a notice to appear in court for the theft. The suspect was angry about the situation and said her defense would be that the fireworks stand employees attempted to stop her from stealing from them. She will see if the judge agrees with her assessment of the situation.

July 3 — A white 2018 Honda CR-V driven by a 14-year-old struck a light pole in the parking lot of the Central Park swimming pool at 7350 E. Central Park Ave. The driver mistook the gas pedal for the brake pedal.

July 3 — A woman in the 6500 block of East Rodeo reported her ex-boyfriend had been calling and sending her unwanted text messages. Since she is not responding, her ex began threatening to hurt her and to damage her property. The location of the suspect is unknown.

July 3 — Officer Langford stopped a silver Toyota Corolla in the 4000 block of North Oliver for an expired registration. When he got to the vehicle's window, the officer smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle. He later conducted a search of the vehicle and found marijuana. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana.

July 4 — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The driver told Officer Lopez he didn't have a driver's license. The man was cited for the violations. The man was then arrested on a Wichita warrant. The vehicle was released to a responsible licensed adult. The suspect's name was not available.

July 4 — Officers Gordon and Langford were on a break at the QuikTrip at 37th and Rock Road when they witnessed a fatality motorcycle crash involving a Jeep Cherokee. They rushed to render aid and to secure the scene. The case was worked by the Wichita Police Department.

July 5 — A woman from the 5700 block of North Lycee reported to police that she was trying to pick up her children from her ex and he was not returning them to her.

July 6 — Officer Langford was dispatched to a trailer theft report in the 5000 block of North Colo-

rial Court. He contacted the reporting party who said his neighbor's trailer had been stolen. The man said a dark Dodge pickup hooked up to the trailer and drove off with it in tow. The neighbor said he yelled at the suspect during the incident, but they did not stop. The trailer was quickly found at the intersection of Central Park Avenue and Woodlawn and returned to the owner.

July 6 — Officer Langford was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle parked in the 6500 block of East Central Park Avenue. The vehicle was unoccupied. The vehicle and the license plate had both been reported stolen through two separate Wichita Police Department cases. The vehicle was returned to the registered owner, and the owner of the license plate did not want his license plate back. The tag was placed into Bel Aire property and evidence.

July 7 — Officer Langford stopped a blue 2002 GMC Yukon for speeding in the 4900 block of East 45th. The driver did not have his driver's license in his possession at the time of the stop. He was cited and released.

July 7 — A woman in the 6500 block of East Rodeo reported her ex-boyfriend was repeatedly calling and texting her and placing her in fear of injury to her and her property. The woman has applied for a protection-from-abuse order and has been in contact with the county's victim services. The woman left her residence for the night, as she did not feel safe at her home.

July 7 — Officer Lopez saw a vehicle pulled over at the intersection of Greenwich and 45th. The vehicle appeared to be in a collision but there was no driver or passengers in the vehicle. A passerby called in and told dispatch they saw two subjects get out of the vehicle and walk away. Lopez attempted to contact the owner of the vehicle but was unsuccessful. The vehicle was towed.

July 8 — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The man handed Officer Lopez a Kansas ID card because he has no driver's license. The man was cited for the violation.

July 8 — Officers were dispatched to check the welfare of an 83-year-old woman in the 4200 block of North Saint James. The woman's neighbors had not seen her since June 5. Sedgwick County fire was called out to assist with entering the residence. The woman was located in the far back bedroom of the residence and it appeared she fell on July 5 or 6 and could not get up on her own. EMS transported the woman to Wesley Woodlawn for treatment.

July 9 — Officers Lopez and Gibson were dispatched to the report of a burglary in progress in the 5300 block of North Cypress. A woman reported her ex-husband kicked in the garage door to get his belongings. They are both on the lease for the residence. He got his belongings and left.

July 9 — Officer Gordon checked the welfare of a woman who was causing a disturbance in the 5200 block of North Lycee. The woman said she was OK and had only been involved in a verbal argument.

July 9 — A woman in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs Court reported letting her friend use her 2011 Hyundai Equus on July 9. The woman said she told her friend she would need the car back in a half hour because she had things to do. The woman said that when he didn't show back up, she tried to call him. She called him more than 100 times. He blocked her number. The woman said she also attempted to contact the man through Facebook Messenger. He took his Facebook account down. The woman does not have an address nor a place of employment for him. The woman said she doesn't want to press charges. She only wants her car returned.

July 11 — Officer Gordon arrested Jose Angel Aguilera Jr. in Park City on a warrant through the City of Bel Aire for failure to appear in court on a charge of possession of marijuana.

July 12 — A man in the 6100 block of East Quail Ridge Court reported that an unknown person broke out the rear driver's side window of his wife's blue 2008 Toyota Yaris, which was parked in the street in front of their house. Nothing was taken from the car.

July 12 — A man in the 5500

block of East Prairie Hawk Drive reported he consumed 50 extra strength Tylenol and a large amount of hard liquor. The man admitted to EMS personnel that he didn't want to live anymore. He was transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

July 13 — A man found a wallet in the middle of the road in front of Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th. He turned over the wallet and information they gathered in trying to return the wallet. Contact was made with a relative of the wallet's owner and it was returned.

July 14 — Officer Lopez drove up on a traffic crash at 4500 N. Oliver. The two drivers were not injured. The driver of a 2020 Toyota Corolla didn't stop in time and the vehicle rear-ended a 2019 Chevrolet work truck driven by the second driver. The first driver was cited for following too closely. Both vehicles were driven away. Damage was over a \$1,000.

July 16 — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 45th and Oliver. A silver Ford E350 Econoline van was northbound on Oliver when it came to a stop at the 45th stop sign. The driver of the Ford van then proceeded forward into the intersection and struck a black Honda Accord Crosstour that was already in the intersection heading east on 45th. The driver of the van was cited for not letting the intersection clear before proceeding.

July 16 — Kechi police was dispatched to a runaway report from a group home. It was reported that the runaway had a knife and was hearing voices in her head. Officer Smithwick located the runaway at the corner of Rock and Tigua in Kechi. A Kechi officer transported the runaway back to the group home. While there, the runaway locked herself in a bathroom and was threatening self-harm. The officers heard glass break so they forced entry into the bathroom and restrained the girl. She was eventually transported to St. Joseph Hospital for treatment and evaluation.

July 18 — A one-vehicle wreck was reported in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. A maroon 2017 Toyota Avalon was northbound on Woodlawn. While turning right into the drive of the Dollar General parking lot, the driver was distracted by a reading app on her mobile device. She made too wide of a turn and drove into the ditch and struck a culvert. Damage was to the bumpers and undercarriage of the vehicle. No damage was found to the culvert. The damage to the vehicle was estimated at well over \$1,000. It is unknown what the woman was reading while she should have been paying attention to driving. She hired an Uber to take her to her hotel.

July 18 — Officer Langford stopped a black Honda Civic for running the stop sign at 45th and Woodlawn. During the stop, the driver was found to be in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The driver was cited for the traffic violation and also cited for the drug law violations.

July 19 — Officer Gibson received video evidence regarding a storage unit burglary that occurred in Wichita. Gibson contacted the Wichita Police Department and forwarded the videos to a detective.

July 19 — Sgt. Davis stopped a black Mazda 6 for speeding in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The driver, Sarah Ann Davis of Wichita, was arrested on charges of operating with a suspended license and DUI.

July 20 — A woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee reported that an unknown subject threw eggs at her car. No damage was done and she had it cleaned up prior to the officer's arrival.

July 20 — While on routine patrol, Officer Gordon saw a man sitting in a black 2011 Chrysler 200 in a driveway with the door of the car open in the 5700 block of East 45th North. Gordon contacted the man that he recognized. Gordon believed the man had a warrant for his arrest through the City of Bel Aire. After contacting the man, Gordon confirmed there was an active warrant for the man's arrest. Daezon Michael Beadles of Bel Aire was transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility where he was booked for failure to appear in court for traffic charges and possession of marijuana charges.

July 20 — Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence disturbance involving a man and a woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee. When contacted, a both gave conflicting stories regarding what was occurring. The woman said nothing physical occurred and that the disagreement was just verbal. The man said the woman had jumped on his back. There were no physical marks on the man and there were no independent witnesses to the incident. Neither desired to press any charges. Both parties were advised to separate for the night and to seek relationship counseling.

July 21 — A woman who previously reported her car being egged set up her own surveillance on her vehicle in the 5600 block of North Lycee. At 4 a.m., she saw her neighbor throw eggs at her car. She contacted the Bel Aire Police Department to file charges against the neighbor.

July 21 — A woman in the 8700 block of East Chris called the Bel Aire Police Department regarding a phone threat. The woman said she received a hang-up call from a phone number that she had flagged as belonging to her daughter. The woman then received a second call in which the caller whom she identified by voice as her daughter left a mes-

sage stating that she needed to watch her back, which the woman took as a threat. The woman doesn't have a current address for her daughter and has not spoken to her daughter in about two years. The woman has custody of the daughter's children.

July 22 — A woman in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn said she was informed by Experian about a potential fraud hit on her credit line. She said Experian told her that someone had attempted to open a Discover credit card in her name. The suspect also attempted to change her personal information concerning the woman's Capitol One credit card. Experian denied the Discover credit card and also informed Capitol One to not approve the new address changed in her personal information. No loss was reported.

July 22 — Officer Mast was dispatched to the Broadstone Villas Apartments in the 5700 block of North Lycee where a woman was involved with a loud angry verbal dispute with a tenant. The woman's ex-boyfriend was alleged to be at the complex in violation of a protection-from-abuse order. The ex-boyfriend was not found in the apartment as the angry woman claimed. When Mast finished checking for the ex-boyfriend, he turned his attention to the angry woman. Mast had prior knowledge that she had outstanding warrants for her arrest through the City of Wichita. Michelle Kay Roesch of Wichita was arrested on a charge of contempt of court.

July 24 — A man said he went to Church of the Resurrection in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn for a service. When he started his truck, it made a strange sound and did not run the same as when he parked it. The man said he looked under the truck and noticed the catalytic converter was missing from his vehicle. Estimated loss was \$400. There were no known suspects.

July 24 — A woman in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn called the Bel Aire Police Department to report a man riding his bike around the school. The man asked the woman if she worked at the church and when she answered that she did not, the man rode around the school and went to the church. The man attempted to open the front door of the church and then left on his bike northbound on Woodlawn. Lopez contacted the man to speak to him. The woman said she thought the man's behavior was not normal.

July 24 — Officer Langford stopped a gray Hyundai Sonata for failing to stop at a stop sign at Quail Ridge Street and Woodlawn. The driver was found to be in possession of several grams of marijuana, THC electronic cigarette cartridges, a THC electronic cigarette, scales and a marijuana grinder. The man was issued a notice to appear in court.

July 25 — Officer Gordon stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The driver was found to be operating the vehicle while his driving privileges were suspended. The man was cited for the violations.

July 25 — Officer Langford stopped a white Nissan Altima for failing to dim high-beams for oncoming traffic in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended license. The driver was cited for the violation.

July 26 — A woman in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs reported that a person from a group home in her neighborhood has been speaking to her and walking next to her while she was out walking. Over a period of time, the neighbor started making inappropriate comments to her about her body, which made her feel uncomfortable. The neighbor even went to her home to speak to her but became visibly upset when the woman's husband said she was not home. The neighbor has since returned to the woman's home and looked through the windows of her house. Officer Gordon conducted a follow up with a staff member of ResCare and made them aware of the inappropriate behavior of their group home client. A phone call to the ResCare supervisor was not returned.

July 26 — A man in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court called the Bel Aire Police Department to report a theft that occurred in late June. While selling a 15-inch subwoofer box on Facebook marketplace, he and another man decided on a price and a porch pick-up transaction. When time for the pick-up occurred, only \$5 was left behind and the subwoofer box taken.

July 27 — Officer Langford stopped a silver Chevy Suburban for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended license. The driver was cited or the violations.

July 28 — A woman in the 6500 block of East 45th North reported to the Bel Aire Police Department that her vehicle was vandalized while parked in the parking lot where she works. She said someone sprayed her car with white spray paint. She told Officer Schell she did not report the incident immediately to her supervisor and she cleaned the paint off of her car. The woman also reported she feels two co-workers have been stalking her because they take breaks at the same time she does. The woman said she has reported other suspicious incidents to the Wichita Police Department. In one report she said someone broke into her home in Wichita and spray painted her walls. The Wichita Police Department reports indicate the

woman has also seen white paint on the ground near her home and in parking lots and she finds this suspicious. Wichita officers did not find any evidence of forced entry or other normal signs of a burglary at the woman's home in Wichita during their investigation.

July 29 — A Razor scooter with red handle bar grips was located on the street in the driveway of 5550 N. Lycee. The scooter was collected and transported back to the station where it was submitted as found property.

July 29 — A worker at Bel Aire Recovery Center reported that two people were seen in a white early 1990s Econoline 350 van in the 4900 block of North Tierra Lakes Parkway. The reporting party went to contact the people in the van because he thought that they were acting suspiciously by being close to the recovery center. The reporting party discovered the couple was engaged in an intimate moment. The reporting party told the couple they needed to leave the area but they refused to do so. He then told them he was calling the police, so they decided to get dressed and leave the area.

July 30 — Officers Greenwood and Gibson were dispatched to a vandalism call involving construction equipment in the 4900 block of North Tierra Lakes Parkway. While on the way to that call, they were flagged down by a citizen regarding an illegal trash dump at 49th and Tierra Lakes. A key lanyard and a Ziploc bag with a green botanical substance (marijuana) were collected and submitted into property and evidence. Public Works was contacted to clean up the illegal dump.

July 30 — A representative of an excavation company reported coming to the work site and finding a window broken out of a piece of equipment in the 5000 block of North Cypress. The window was valued at \$300.

July 30 — A woman in the 6700 block of East 45th North reported that an unknown person put white paint inside the fuel door of her black 2013 Cadillac while she was at work at Catholic Care. No damage was reported.

July 30 — Officers responded to a suspicious character call and found a man pacing nervously in the 5700 block of North Lycee. A check through law enforcement records showed the man had an active Sedgwick County protection-from-abuse order against him. The woman who got the PFA against the man resides at the apartment complex where the man was pacing. Donovan Jay Campbell of Wichita was arrested on a charge of violation of a protection order.

July 31 — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 4600 block of North Oliver. The driver had a suspended Florida driver's license. The woman was cited for the violations.

July 31 — A man noticed his 1996 Haulmark enclosed trailer was missing from the driveway in the 5800 block of East Perryton. He said he last saw it the previous evening. There were no known suspects.

July 31 — While conducting follow up on a previous call, Officer Smithwick located the vehicle driven by a suspect in the 5700 block of North Lycee. She found the vehicle to be unlocked and keys in a center console tray. Smithwick retrieved the keys from the vehicle, locked the doors and placed the keys into evidence for safekeeping.

Aug. 2 — Bel Aire officers were dispatched to a welfare check in the area of Danbury and Janesville. A white female in her 20s wearing a dress with flowers on it was reported stumbling around the neighborhood by herself looking for a phone to use. Officers made contact with the woman. She explained that her car was broken down. A records search uncovered that the woman had been reported as a missing person through Park City. Contact was made with Park City officers who confirmed her as a missing person. The woman said she was trying to get back to her mother's house and had been away for a couple of days. The woman accepted a ride to her mother's residence in Park City.

Aug. 3 — Officer Langford stopped a silver Kia Forte for running the stop sign at 45th and Oliver. The driver showed some indicators of intoxication so Langford asked him to submit to some standard field sobriety testing. Langford determined the man was safe to operate his vehicle. Although the man was sober enough to drive, his driver's license had been expired since October 2018. The man was cited for the violations.

Aug. 5 — A man contacted the Bel Aire Police Department to report his dog had died the day before. The man suspected the dog was poisoned by an individual who had previously stayed at his home, but he wasn't sure. He left the deceased dog on his floor for a day so as not to upset his other dog. Officer Lopez made a strong suggestion that the dog be removed as it had started to putrefy.

Aug. 5 — A woman in the 3700 block of North Parkwood reported that her grandson and she were in a dispute when both began throwing items at each other while she was driving. The woman stopped the vehicle and waited for officers to contact the two of them. They both explained the situation from their personal perspectives after they were calmed down. The dispute over where the young man would go for the night was resolved and

Bel Aire pushes commercial buildings

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council on Aug. 3 unanimously voted in favor of adopting a revised speculative building policy. The policy was created in 2019 and was initially approved on a two-year trial basis. A speculative building refers to one that is built without a specific use or commitment. They are

common in areas of commercial development and provide opportunities for businesses to move into the community without having to build anything. So far, this policy has brought four new buildings to Bel Aire. WAM Capital Corp built two speculative buildings last year at 4615 N. Cypress, which is on the North side of 45th Street North

between Rock and Webb. Last month, a group called Webb Industrial LLC announced plans to build two 25,000-square-foot speculative buildings in Sunflower Commerce Park at 53rd North and Webb. It has already started moving dirt on that project. The group also purchased Next Level Hoops Academy and said it had an additional seven

acres of land in Sunflower Commerce Park that they hope to build on in the future. •The parking lots at Bel Aire City Hall will be closed on Aug. 7 and 8 for maintenance. The dropbox located in the north parking lot will only be accessible by sidewalk during that time. •Slurry seal coats in Bel Aire neighborhoods

were recently completed but there are several other upcoming road repairs and potential closures to keep an eye out for in town over the next couple months. Starting on Aug. 9, repairs are scheduled on Rock Road from 45th North to K-254. On Aug. 16, repairs on Oliver between 45th and 53rd North are scheduled. On Aug. 23, repairs on

Oliver between 45th and 37th North are scheduled. On Aug. 30, repairs on Woodlawn between 45th and 53rd North are scheduled. On Sept. 7, repairs on 45th North between Woodlawn and Rock are scheduled. On Oct. 9, Woodlawn will close between Danbury and Perryton for at least a couple of weeks for utility relocations.

Police

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both were released to go on their way. **Aug. 5** — Officer Schell stopped a vehicle for no headlights or taillights in the 6300 block of East 45th North. The driver was found to be in violation of driver's license restrictions. Ad-

ditionally, the driver had no vehicle liability insurance and the tag was not assigned to the vehicle. The man was cited. Two men were also found to have two active City of Wichita bench warrants. He was arrested. **Aug. 6** — Officers received a call of a welfare check regarding a woman who had not been seen for several days in the 5800 block of East Kenawee. There was trash piled up in the driveway and her

dog had been getting out through a hole in the fence. During the call, the woman was contacted by phone. She said was in the hospital and her ex-husband was checking on the dog and the kids were staying with him. The woman was advised to get her fence fixed so her dog wouldn't escape her yard. **Aug. 6** — A vehicle was stopped for having no tail lights in the 4600 block of North Oliver.

The driver was cited for no license and no insurance. **Aug. 7** — Officers checked a vehicle in the parking lot of the Resurrection Catholic School in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. A female was found in the passenger seat asleep. When the woman awoke, she did not know to whom the car belonged. A syringe was observed in the passenger seat where she was sitting, so she was detained. A

narcotic skin patch was also seen in the woman's purse. Because of the observable contraband, the vehicle was searched and more narcotics were located as well as a used syringe with an unknown clear substance inside. Rachel Lynn Bruggeman of Wichita was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. **Aug. 7** — Bel Aire police of-

ficers were called to do a welfare check in the 5000 block of North Colonial. Officers were told the man they were going to check on had been drinking heavily and was possibly making suicidal comments. Officers met and spoke with the man and determined he was not in any danger to himself or others. The man said he was a little depressed and was going through some things but did not want to harm himself.

DEATHS

RILEY PANKEY

Riley Pankey, 86, died July 31, 2021. He was known for his love of golf, grandchildren, Gin Rummy, butter and especially God. He is preceded in death by his wife Mary Jane Pankey; parents Lavon Pankey and Helen Ward; sister Vesta Ewing. Survivors include his daughters Kim (Dan) Sullivan of Bel Aire, Tamara (Andrew) Engel of Seattle, Wash.; son Steve

(Janet) Pankey of Wichita; grandchildren Jason Sullivan, Brandon (Aimee) Sullivan, Kristin Pankey, Michelle (Jordan) Kinnevan, Hans Engel; great-grandchildren Brayden Dennis, Kynadee Sullivan, Chayse Sullivan, Kenzie Kinkaid, Addie Kinkaid and Millie Jane Kinnevan; and many lifelong friends. Visitation was held Aug. 6 at Downing & Lahey East Mortuary. Funeral service was Aug. 7 at the Chapel at Central Christian Church. Memorials have been established with: Victory In The Valley, 3755 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67218; His Helping Hands Ministry c/o Central Christian Church, 2900 N. Rock Rd.,

Wichita, KS 67226. Downing & Lahey East Mortuary was in charge in arrangements.

WILLIAM PEARSON

William "Bill" Pearson, 69, died July 29, 2021, at the Catholic Care Center in Bel Aire. He was born Nov. 5, 1951. He is survived by his wife Kim (Wells) Pearson; sons Darrell Pearson, St. Joseph, Mo., Eric Pearson, Kansas City, Mo., Joseph (Anna) Pearson, Windham, Maine, TJ (Jamie) Hinkle, Warrenton, Va., Rodney (Michelle) Hinkle, Mechanicsville, Md.; daughter Rachel (Travis) Bunse, King City, Mo.; brother Steven (Cin-

dy) Pearson, Merriam; sister Christine (Jim Smith) Pearson, Shawnee; grandchildren Matthew, Emily, Aaron Pearson, Trevor, Dylan, Kenley, Rowan, and Reese Hinkle, Lauralie Loftin. Visitation was Aug. 4 at Amos Family Funeral Home, Shawnee. Catholic Mass was Aug. 5 at St. Joseph Church. Burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, 61st and Quivira Rd.

VESTON EMBRAY

Veston Embray died July 3, 2021. He was born to Ralph Issac and Minnie Dora (Hall) Embray on Aug. 5, 1966. He was the baby of seven children. He graduated from Wichita



Embray

West High School and Wichita State University. He lived and worked in Hawaii for FEDEX for 15 years. After returning to Wichita, he worked as a TSA agent until his health failed him. He leaves behind brothers Derek Embray of Wichita, Edward Wallace of Lees Summit, Mo.; sister Bobbie Clay of Bel Aire; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; great-great nieces and nephews; many cousins.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

Christ Lutheran Church is located at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Worship services this summer are 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional) on Sundays. For more information about the church, check our website at www.christ-lutheran.org or our Facebook page CLCwichita or call 316-744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire. Masses for the Lord's day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday masses are at 8 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade. The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com, and the telephone number is 744-2776. The Rev. Michael J. Schemm is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Auburn. If you have any questions about our church, please call Amy Smith at 323-2819.

Cornerstone Christian

Cornerstone Christian Church is at 5531 E. 37th North, Wichita KS 67220-2037. The phone number is 686-0208. Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. A nursery is provided. Wednesday study groups at 6:30 p.m. include adult studies, youth and Awana. Pastor is Jason Whyte.

Gospel Assembly

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Youth activities are on the first Saturday evening of each month. Phone number is 744-1502. The Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist

Greenwich UMC at 5500 N. Greenwich Road is one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North. Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. with Life Studies for all ages from 10 to 10:30. Pastor Paula Scott is available at the church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship. United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and host a church brunch quarterly. Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be

added to our mailing list or email shagemeister@sbcglobal.net. Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center and Wichita Children's Home, to name a few. Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich United Methodist Church. Call us at 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional), with Sunday school at 10. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Men's Bible study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Our pastor is Michelle Gowin. Find us online at www.KechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook. The church phone number is 744-1221.

LifePoint

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene in Valley Center. Sunday school classes meet at 9 a.m., with the regular service and Kids Church at 10:30. There are no regular Sunday night services. For special activities, check online at www.lpcag.org. On Wednesdays, LifePoint Kids and LifePoint

Students services meet from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Adult small groups and prayer are also available. Lead pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Levi Massey. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call the church at 755-2331. **Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod** Located at 6770 E. 34th North in northeast Wichita. You can reach us at 683-5538 or via email at postmaster@risensavior.net. Sunday morning services in our Worship Center are at 8 and 10:30, with a nursery and Children's Church during the 10:30 service. We provide adult Bible classes and children's Sunday school beginning at 9:15 a.m. Each month we provide options to participate in a variety of Bible studies, fellowship and service opportunities for all ages. Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter — search RisenSaviorICT! Find out everything Risen Savior has to offer on our website www.risensavior.net. Senior pastor is Tom Harmon. Assistant pastor is Nick Cordt.

Saint Michael Western Orthodox Christian Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox

Christian Archdiocese of North America. Worship with us Sunday Adult Class at 9 a.m., morning prayer at 9:45 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., and Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m. Men's Bible study group meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday. Women's Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m. The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Deacon Basil Anderson is assistant. Frank Tritschler is head chanter. Readers are James Finneran and Moses Rothenberger. Mrs. Sally Buxon is organist. For more information call 734-6248 or go online [www.saintmichaelortho-](http://www.saintmichaelortho-doxchurch.com)

doxchurch.com. Email inquiries to jfflora@icloud.com. **Wichita Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist** Located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita. Birger Draget is pastor. Sabbath school at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 11. For more information, go online at www.god-scoloset.com or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita). For God's Closet, call 778-0474. *Send your church's upcoming events and service times to legals@arkvalleynews.com or call 755-0821.*

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